Delaware's Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee & Adaptation Plan

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Adaptation planning for Sea Level Rise

Improve the way we plan for the future

- ✓ Understand potential effects of sea level rise
- ✓ Incorporate sea level rise considerations into decisions and programs

Outcomes of Planning

- ✓ Recommendations
- ✓ Capacity Building
- ✓ On-the-ground Implementation



Port Mahon Road





Advisory Committee Charge

Guide development and early implementation of a plan to address the effects of coastal flooding and prepare for the future effects of Sea Level Rise





Why an Advisory Committee

- Success requires that sectors and interests work together
 - ✓ Ensure all perspectives are considered
 - ✓ Provide guidance to keep the plan grounded in reality



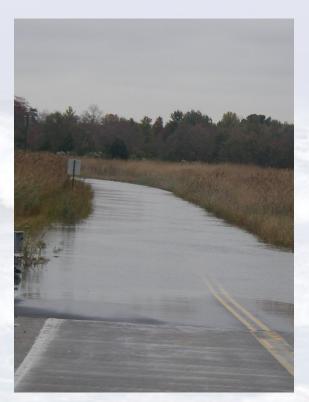
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How Committee Members can help

- Provide Advice and Recommendations
- Define problems and develop a shared vision
- Communicate
- Review data and information
- Identify and explore strategies
- Assist with implementation



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DCP's Commitment to the Committee

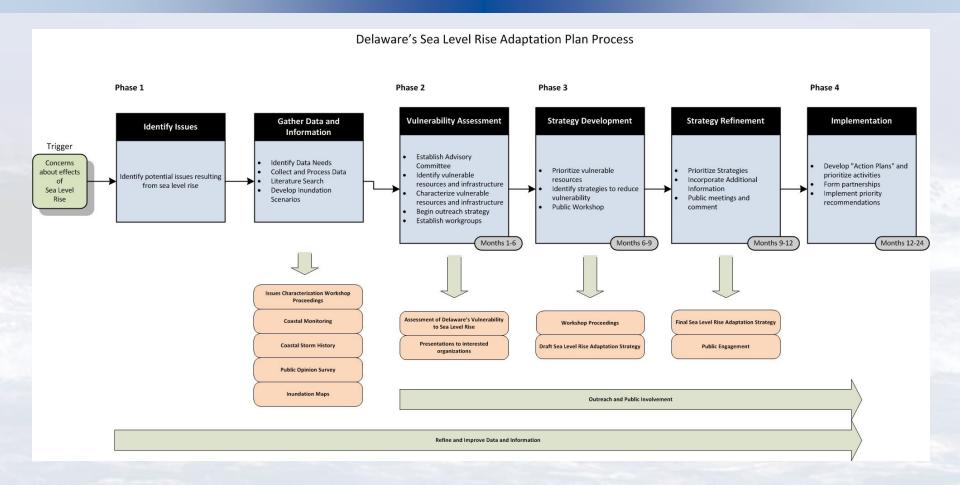
- Engage committee members
- Answer questions/find information
- Provide staff for research, mapping and drafting documents
- Provide outreach
- Provide seed funding for early implementation







A proposed planning process







Proposed agenda items Meeting #2

- Discussion/approval of planning process
- Presentation and discussion of vulnerability assessment
- Discussion/refinement of committee roles
- Begin development of Vision/Goals





Discussion Items for Today

- Desired Outcomes
- Committee Roles
- Membership
- Meeting times/location
- Public Participation Policy
- Next Meeting Date



